

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A particulate ~~substantially~~ comprising:

[[a]] pantethine,

a light anhydrous silicic acid and

a microcrystalline cellulose,

wherein

an adsorptivity is 0.6 or higher, and

adsorptivity is a ratio of a total of a weight of the light anhydrous silicic acid and a light anhydrous silicic acid weight equivalency, relative to pantethine absorption, of the microcrystalline cellulose, to a weight of the pantethine.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The particulate according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein said adsorptivity ranges from 0.6 to 0.7.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): [[A]] The particulate according to Claim 1 comprising ~~a pantethine, a light anhydrous silicic acid and a microcrystalline cellulose~~, wherein [[the]] a total content of the light anhydrous silicic acid and the microcrystalline cellulose ranges from 0.7 to 0.9 weight parts per 1 weight part of pantethine.

Claim 5 (Original): The particulate according to claim 4, wherein said total content of the light anhydrous silicic acid and the microcrystalline cellulose ranges from 0.75 to 0.85 weight parts per 1 weight part of pantethine.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The particulate according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a weight ratio of light anhydrous silicic acid to microcrystalline cellulose ranges from 1/1 to 6/1.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): The particulate according to claim 6, wherein the weight ratio of light anhydrous silicic acid to microcrystalline cellulose ranges from about 2/1 to about 4/1.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The particulate according to ~~any one of claims~~ Claim 1 ~~to 7~~, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a pantethine content ~~thereof~~ is at least 50 w/w%.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The particulate according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 8, wherein the pantethine content ~~thereof~~ ranges from 50 to 60 w/w%.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): The particulate according to ~~any one of claims~~ Claim 1 ~~to 9~~, wherein ~~the~~ an average particle size ~~thereof~~ ranges from 120 to 280 μm .

Claim 11 (Currently amended): A solid dosage form ~~containing a~~ comprising the particulate according to ~~any one of claims~~ Claim 1 ~~to 9~~.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The solid dosage form according to claim 11, wherein the dosage form ~~thereof comprises~~ is selected from the group consisting of powders, fine granules, granules, tablets ~~or~~ and capsules.